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Applicant: Terrence W. Schmidt
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IN A VESSEL
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Examiner: Olson, Lars A. Group Art Unit: 3617
Attorney Docket No.: 1934-8-3

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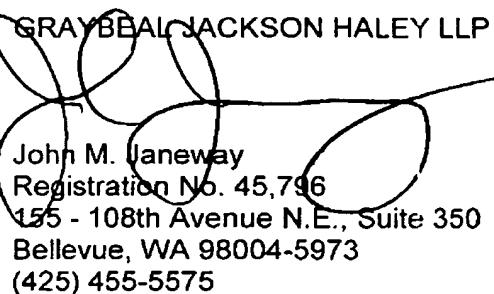
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From: John M. Janeway

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Regarding: Response to 07/05/2006 Final Office Action

Message: Please see the attached amendment.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

22 August 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

The applicant's attorney amends the claims and specification, and requests reconsideration of the application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9.